

DON PEDRO RECREATION AGENCY  
BOARD OF CONTROL - DON PEDRO PROJECT  
MINUTES July 12, 2013

CALL TO ORDER: 10:05 a.m. Don Pedro Recreation Agency

VOTING MEMBERS PRESENT: Michael Frantz – Turlock Irrigation District  
Mike Williams – City & County of San Francisco  
Larry Byrd – Modesto Irrigation District

OTHERS PRESENT: Walt Ward – Modesto Irrigation District  
Dave Jigour – Don Pedro Recreation Agency  
Jim Smith – Lake Don Pedro Marina Manager  
Randell Phillips – Lake Don Pedro Marina  
Travis Flosi – Moccasin Point Marina Manager  
Bob & Susie Lynar – Private Houseboat Owners  
John & Marcia Boer – Private Houseboat Owners  
Ross & Linda Swett – Private Houseboat Owners  
Keith Lynar – Private Houseboat Owner  
Randy Buckley – Private Houseboat Owner  
Joe & Phyllis Farenkamm– Private Houseboat Owners

#### MINUTES

The Don Pedro Board of Control moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 17, 2013 and June 14, 2013 as written.

#### MONTHLY FISCAL REPORT

Actual revenue for the month of May, 2013, was \$278,172. Projected revenue for May was of \$287,577. Compared to May, 2012, all categories of revenue were up with the exception of Boat Day Use, Annual Vessel and Personal Watercraft Permits, RV Hook-up sites, Reservation Fees, WiFi Fees and Miscellaneous Revenues. Actual expenses for May were \$253,840. The budgeted expense projection was \$261,434. Capital expenses for the month of May were \$2,613 and were associated with the lake regulatory management project.

#### MATTERS TO THE GOOD

Board Chairman Frantz read a letter from DPRA legal counsel regarding decorum at the Board of Control meetings. Mr. Frantz added that while he has enjoyed the less formal, family type meetings he asks that when an audience member wants to speak that they stand and introduce themselves and that personal attacks and inappropriate language will not be tolerated.

Houseboat owner, Bob Lynar, spoke to the Board regarding low water conditions. He stated that he has heard conflicting information and feels that the concessionaires' plan to move the houseboat mooring lines but not the marina structure to the Jacksonville site for low water may violate the Concession Lease Agreement (CLA). Mr. Lynar would like the concessionaire to give updates to their customers on how they plan to address the low water's effect on the marina and mooring locations. He would like the information to go out to customers' emails and with their monthly billings.

Houseboat owner, John Boer, spoke regarding the private houseboat marina's appearance. He would like to see it kept cleaner and more presentable. Mr. Boer added that the fire suppression boxes located on the private houseboat marina are also in need of repair and maintenance. Mr. Boer suggested that it should have regular inspections to make sure the system is functioning. Jim Smith, Lake Don Pedro Marina Manager, responded that he has already contacted Sisco Fire to test and certify the fire suppression system on a regular basis and will be planning a regular clean-up or "dock walk" schedule to address any maintenance issues.

Jim Smith, Lake Don Pedro Marina Manager, spoke regarding the possibility of moving Moccasin Point Marina houseboat buoy moorings due to low water conditions. He stated that they currently have several scenarios on the table based on water level projections but options change with the water level. As soon as a determination is made, private houseboat owners that may be affected by the low water will be contacted.

Board Chairman Frantz called for a short recess.

**AMENDMENT TO DPRA REGULATIONS AND ORDINANCES, APPENDIX A HOUSEBOAT RULES – MAXIMUM WIDTH AND HEIGHT – Action Item**

Director Russell reviewed a request to increase the maximum width of houseboats from 22' to 24', and the maximum height from 15' to 16'. Russell summarized the staff review which included houseboat owner survey results, Marina Managers' consultation and DPRA staff input. The Board asked for clarification regarding engineered loads, potential effect of larger boats on mooring rates and the affect it would have on the comparability study. After much discussion and confirmation that the Lake Don Pedro Marina private houseboat dock is the only mooring location that is currently designed to accommodate the larger boats, the Board unanimously approved the request.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

There were 1,454 campsite reservations made in June, 2013. This amounts to 73 less than were made in June, 2012. The total reservations year to date exceeds last years' total through the month of June by 242.

Director Russell reviewed the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Weekend Use Comparison. Facility use was up during the day on July 4<sup>th</sup>, but the number of vehicles coming in solely for the show was down compared to 2012. On the day of the fireworks show, the parking area at the Fleming Meadows swimming lagoon was full by noon and activity spread to day use along the shoreline between the "B" camping area and the Dam. Over 330 lbs. of chlorine was needed at the lagoon to maintain the water quality with the number of people and the 105 degree heat. Maintenance staff made 9 trips to the landfill with approximately 34 tons of garbage over the weekend. Compared to 2012, 495 less vehicles and 1,000 less people arrived this year just for the show. Forecasted high temps and media coverage of the heat may have deterred some folks from coming out for the show. Overall, however, the combined number of people on land and water the day of the show was second only to 2011, the highest year.

Over the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend, DPRA staff responded to 6 medical assists, 1 sunk vessel, 1 physical fight, and 1 bridge jumper. Tuolumne County Boat Patrol issued 5 boating law citations, 2 boating under the influence arrests, and 45 warning contacts. The Tuolumne County Sheriffs Department made 3 vehicle stops in the campgrounds.

On July 6<sup>th</sup>, houseboat owners gathered for the annual "Pig Roast" in Upper Bay near the power lines.

A 20 acre fire was started in the Gardner Falls area on June 22<sup>nd</sup> when fireworks were set off of a rental houseboat. Responsible parties were caught, their vacation ended early and they are subject to firefighting costs and criminal penalties.

The Request for Proposals for the Marina Rate Comparability Analysis has been sent out. The proposals are due back to the TID Materials Management Dept. on July 19, 2013.

**MOTIONS PASSED**

On motion of Williams, seconded by Byrd, the following motion was adopted:

2013-07-04      The Board voted unanimously to approve the Amendment to DPRA Regulations and Ordinances, Appendix A Houseboat Rules – Maximum Width and Height

**ADJOURNMENT**

Due to no further business, the Board adjourned at 12:00 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol Russell  
Secretary to Board of Control

Copies to:      Mr. Williams  
                     Messrs. Frantz, Hashimoto, Her  
                     Messrs. Ward, Bakker, Byrd